

AGENDA



Thursday, August 23, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 23**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with KUBCO DECANter SERVICES, INC., Houston, TX for the repair of water treatment centrifuges for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$103,550, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$103,550 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$414,200.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$8,629 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining eleven months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Steve Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer, 974-2021.

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program.) No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

This contract will provide repair services for the centrifuges used in the water treatment processes at Austin Water Utility's Ullrich and Davis Water Treatment Plants. Centrifuges have been used in the City's water treatment process for the past 14 years. They are used to dewater the sludge bi-product produced by the lime softening process in water treatment. This minimizes the number of truck loads of material that has to be transported to our approved disposal site.

Davis Water Treatment Plant has four centrifuges and Ullrich Water Treatment Plant has three centrifuges. During the summer months, Davis has three of the centrifuges in operation full-time with one in reserve. Ullrich operates two of the centrifuges full-time with one in reserve. If a centrifuge needs repair or an overhaul, the City will replace it with the reserve unit.

The contractor will pick up the unit from the plant and take it to its facility for repair. After repairs are made, the unit is tested and returned by the contractor to the City and placed in reserve for future use. It is estimated that one centrifuge per facility will be overhauled or repaired each year, and it is anticipated that this will be accomplished during the winter months when the water production requirements are low.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

a. Adequate competition.

b. Twenty-three notices were sent. There are no MBE/WBEs available for this service. Two bids were received.

c. The pricing offered represents a 3% increase to the last contract award in July 2004.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

a. Lowest bid received.

b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.

c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.